HOUSE BILL 1933

By Rinks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 26, Part 1, relative to medical malpractice actions against nursing homes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-26-115, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(e) Any action for damages for personal injury or death against a health care provider licensed or certified under title 63 or title 68, a nursing home licensed under title 68, or any affiliated individual or entity, when the gravamen of the complaint alleges or involves negligent conduct that has occurred in a nursing home licensed under title 68 and arises out of or bears a substantial relationship to the provision of health care services by a health care professional licensed or certified under title 63 or 68, shall be brought solely as a medical malpractice action under this chapter.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it, and this act applies to actions arising on and after such date.